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LEATHER INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the leather industry as a thrust sector in view of significant export growth prospects and enormous employment potential particularly in semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government has decided to capture at least five per cent of World Trade in leather within the next five years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) As per the prospective plan prepared by the Council for Leather Exports, exports of leather and leather products are estimated to reach US $ 7 billion by the year 2010-11.